

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5240

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AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WASTE MANAGEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 22-6c of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 The Commissioner of Agriculture may reimburse any farmer for
- 4 part of the cost of compliance with a <u>comprehensive farm nutrient</u>
- 5 management plan or a farm resources management plan, provided
- 6 such plan has been [certified by the federal Farm Service Agency, or
- 7 the Department of Environmental Protection and the cost is in
- 8 accordance with said certification] approved by the Commissioner of
- 9 Environmental Protection. The Commissioner of Agriculture, in
- 10 cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, may
- 11 certify for payment comprehensive farm nutrient management or farm
- 12 resources management plan practices that have been approved by the
- 13 <u>Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to this section.</u>
- 14 The total federal and state grant available to a farmer shall not be more
- 15 than [seventy-five] <u>ninety</u> per cent of such cost. In making grants
- 16 under this section, the commissioner shall give priority to capital
- 17 improvements made in accordance with a comprehensive farm
- 18 <u>nutrient management plan or a farm resources plan prepared pursuant</u>
- 19 to section 22a-354m, as amended.

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